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FOR ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR AKINS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, SA

SUBJECT: TRIP OF TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY

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1. WE FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY PARKSY COULD NOT HAVE CANCELLED SECRET SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AT ALMOST ANY STAGE IN HIS DEPARTURE PREPARATIONS. AS WE SAID BEFORE WE DO NOT FEEL THE SECURITY SITUATION IN SAUDI ARABIA REQUIRES TAKING SUCH MEASURES ON HIS BEHALF. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, PARSKY RECEIVING SECRET SERVICE COVERAGE IN LONDON AND ROME AS WELL. IF THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT HE HAS IN FACT BEEN TARGETED BY TERRORIST GROUPS WE SHOULD HAVE SUCH INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY.

2. SAUDIS COMMENTED ON SPECIAL PROTECTION GIVEN PARSKY DURING THE SIMON VISIT, ESPECIALLY AS PARSKY SAID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT HE HAD NEVER FELT AS SAFE AS IN SAUDI ARABIA. PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY THE EXPLANATION WE SHOULD GIVE SAUDIS FOR THIS UNIQUE ACTION.

3. BECAUSE OF THE SIZE, AND OTHER GUESTS PRESENTLY HERE, PARSKY GROUP CANNOT BE HOUSED, AS REQUESTED BY REF C, ON EMBASSY COMPOUND. ACCORDINGLY, HOTEL
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RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN JIDDA AS WELL AS RIYADH.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE NEA PASSING THE ABOVE TO TREASURY.
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